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SIERRA MADRE CITIZENS PROPOSE A BALLOT INITIATIVE TO INCREASE SALES TAX BY 0.75% TO KEEP REVENUE IN SIERRA MADRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS RESIDENTS.

Sierra Madreans Gary Hood, Pat and De Alcorn and David Williams are circulating a petition to place an initiative on the ballot which would raise the sales tax in Sierra Madre by 0.75%, following a trend by other LA County cities. The idea is to reach the state-mandated 2% cap and keep the revenue in Sierra Madre before another district imposes a sales tax increase and forecloses Sierra Madre's ability to benefit from the taxes paid by its residents.

The State mandated limit for districts (County, Cities and other Districts) is 2%, but two exemptions have been issued by the state for the County Metro Transportation Authority (Measure M) and County Traffic Improvement (Measure R). Currently 1.25% of the non-exempted 2% cap is consumed by other LA County measures, leaving only 0.75% headroom for sales tax increases.

Why do this now? Other County tax increases are under consideration, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District is proposing a 0.5% increase. If we don't act soon, we'll pay the tax anyway and won't receive any revenue or benefit. If we pass the 0.75% increase, we ensure that the revenue stays in Sierra Madre, so we can continue to invest in the things that our residents value highly, such as parks, streets, sidewalks, library and police fire and paramedic services.

Twelve LA County cities have raised sales taxes in 2018, and Glendora and Arcadia are doing so in 2019, and Duarte, Monrovia, San Gabriel among others are considering the same.

Raising taxes is never a pleasant endeavor. But what's worse, is paying the tax and not getting the revenue!

Please email if you would like to sign the petition or help to gather signatures

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

To the City Clerk:

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate a petition within the City of Sierra Madre for the purpose of imposing a 0.75% General Transactions and Use Tax in the City of Sierra Madre. The proposed petition is attached.

We respectfully request the City Attorney to prepare a ballot title and summary of the proposed petition.

The reason for this initiative is that there remains 0.75% of sales, transaction, and use tax that could, and inevitably will, be levied against the City of Sierra Madre. To ensure that the revenues from this additional tax are allocated to the General Fund of the City of Sierra Madre, rather than the County of Los Angeles, State of California, or other agency, we hereby intend to circulate this petition.

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Impartial Analysis by the Sierra Madre City Attorney Measure S

“PROPOSED MEASURE IMPOSING A .75% CITY OF SIERRA MADRE GENERAL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX”

Measure S would adopt a local transactions and use tax in the City of Sierra Madre at the rate of three quarters of one cent for every dollar spent (or .75%). This kind of tax is often called a “sales tax.” The proceeds of this tax would be used to provide funding for general fund obligations including support for public safety (police and fire services and equipment); paramedic emergency response; police services such as neighborhood patrols, gang, drug and crime prevention; street maintenance; park maintenance; community service programs for seniors and youth; and library services.

The proposed .75% sales tax would be in addition to existing sales tax, and it would be levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail. Existing sales tax is levied by the state or the County of Los Angeles and Sierra Madre presently receives only about 34% of the sales tax collected from its retail sales. It is estimated that the proposed .75% local sales tax will raise approximately \$225,000 annually from retail sales of goods sold to travelers and visitors to the City of Sierra Madre, as well as to residents; 100% of the proposed .75% local sales tax would remain in Sierra Madre. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers the tax. The tax does not apply to goods or services which are not already subject to state sales tax.

Measure S is a general tax and requires a simple majority voter approval (50% plus 1 vote). If approved, the tax will remain in effect until amended or repealed by the voters.

A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of authorizing the .75 percent local transactions and use tax.

A “no” vote is a vote against authorizing the local transaction and use tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure S. If you desire a copy of the proposed ordinance, please call the Sierra Madre Assistant City Clerk at (626) 836-6756 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

Date: April 24, 2019

By: _____

Teresa L. Highsmith
Sierra Madre City Attorney

SIERRA MADRE POST 3208 HONORS FORMER SMPD CHIEF JOE ORTIZ



Sierra Madre VFW 3208 present former SMPD Chief Joe Ortiz with a plaque in honor of his outstanding service to the citizens of Sierra Madre. Pictured members of VFW Post 3208 along with chief Ortiz. Ortiz left his post in Sierra Madre to become Police Chief of San Marino. (See related story on page 5). Photo and caption courtesy VFW 3208

SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS TO CIVIC AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Sierra Madre Community Foundation (SMCF) recently awarded grants that will provide valuable and needed funding for several local organizations, City of Sierra Madre activities, and high-visibility projects. Since January 2019, the SMCF has approved grants totaling over \$6,400.

Local organizations receiving SMCF grants so far this year include the Creative Arts Group – ImaginArt Program for 4th grade students from Sierra Madre Elementary School, the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery Memorial Wall, and this summer's 2019 Sierra Madre Shakespeare Festival.

The SMCF regularly supports the City of Sierra Madre programs and activities and, since January 2019, has approved the following grant awards: City of Sierra Madre - Huck Finn Derby and Campout, City of Sierra Madre - Mount Wilson Train Race Kids' Fun Run, and the Sierra Madre Public Library Bookmark Contest.

“We are pleased to support local organizations,” said Edward Garcia, Community Foundation President. “Through the generous giving of local residents, combined with the oversight by our local volunteer board, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation helps keep Sierra Madre a unique community and valued treasure.”

Last year, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation awarded more than \$11,000 in grants to the City of Sierra Madre and various organizations and schools to support local programs and activities, including Alverno Heights Academy, City of Sierra Madre – Halloween Happenings, City of Sierra Madre – Huck Finn Derby & Campout, City of Sierra Madre – Mount Wilson Trail Race Kids Fun Run, Creative Arts Group, The Gooden School, 2018 Shakespeare Festival, and the 4th of July Fun Run.

Sierra Madre Community Foundation (SMCF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization singularly devoted to Sierra Madre. The SMCF solicits donations to enable it to support and enhance the Sierra Madre community by making direct grants, both large and small, to civic and local organizations that might otherwise be overlooked. In addition, the SMCF assists other Sierra Madre community groups in the collection and distribution of their funds that enables ongoing program support and continued operations.

If you would like to assist the Sierra Madre Community Foundation as it continues to support Sierra Madre activities and programs, please send your tax-deductible donation to: Sierra Madre Community Foundation - P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. Checks can be made payable to “Sierra Madre Community Foundation.”

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 14TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM
MAY 28TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM
JUNE 11TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM
JUNE 25TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

MAY 2ND, 2019 AT 7:00PM
MAY 16TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM
JUNE 6TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM
JUNE 20TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

MAY 20TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM
JUNE 17TH, 2019 AT 6:30PM

SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

MAY 2ND, 2019 AT 3:00PM
JUNE 6TH, 2019 AT 3:00PM

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 22ND, 2019 AT 7:00PM
JUNE 26TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL

RESOURCE COMMISSION
MAY 15TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM
JUNE 19TH, 2019 AT 7:00PM

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email city@cityofsierramadre.com before 30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members. Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-7135

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia. Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



Sierra Madre Woman's Club

550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 2018: 111 Years

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April 29-May 4

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The Volunteer Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee is seeking nominations for the 2019 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal. The Parade will be held as always the morning of July 4th.

Parade Grand Marshal Nominees should embody the spirit of Sierra Madre, be an active volunteer in any of the local nonprofit organizations or in some way contributed to the betterment of Sierra Madre. Nominees may be an individual or volunteers or an organization.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by Tuesday, April 30th and should be sent to the 4th of July Committee, PO Box 1073 Sierra Madre CA 91025 or emailed to 4thofjulysierramadre@gmail.com. Nominations should be no more than 1 page but at least a paragraph explaining why the honor should be given including contributions to the Sierra Madre community.

Previous Grand Marshals have included 2018 Steve Heydorff, 2017 Derek Podrebarac, 2016 Pete Siberell and Hometown Hero Kris Lowe, 2015 Clem and Nina Bartolai, 2014 Pat & DeAlcorn & Hometown Heroes Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, 2013 VFW Post 3208 & Hometown Hero Mama Pete; 2012 Nel and Bob Soltz (Wistaria Vine owners); 2011 Gayle Bluemel & Hometown Hero John Shear; 2010 Lew Wantanabe; 2009 Midge Morash; 2008 Sierra Madre Fire Department; 2007 Ward Family (E. Waldo Ward & Sons); 2006 Judy Webb Martin & Toni Buckner & Hometown Hero Barbara Wamboldt; 2005 Police Chief Wayne Bailey; 2004 Doug Berkshire; 2003 John Grijalva; 2002 Bob Quamstrom; 2001 Ty Gaffney; 2000 Dr. Bill White; and 1999 Jim & Barbara Heasley.

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DOUBTING EASTER

To the good readers of Mountain View's Newspaper: Last week I made a blunder and inadvertently sent some half baked Easter sermon notes instead of the Easter article we wrote for the Mountain View's News. To my great embarrassment, it went to print before we discovered the error! The correct article is printed below. Enjoy!

Easter is a time for family, coloring eggs, and chocolate bunnies. It is about springtime, baby ducklings, and new life. These are all well and good. But to stop here misses the point. Easter is the day Christians celebrate the historical claim that Jesus of Nazareth—who was put through the rigors of crucifixion, died, and was buried in a tomb for three days—was raised bodily from the grave. Easter is not an ancillary holiday in Christianity, rather, it is at the center of the world's largest faith. Because the resurrection and the faith it spawned (Christianity) has had such a deep impact on world history, it is appropriate to ask, "Did it really happen?"

For understandable reasons, many find it difficult to believe in the resurrection. But we must not think this is simply because we live in an age of science. Doubt is not a modern thing. First century people knew that dead people stay dead. Just like today, the original announcement of the resurrection was met with skepticism. In fact, the Gospel writers record that some of Jesus first followers found it difficult to believe.

The most well known example is "Doubting Thomas." He scoffed when his fellow disciples reported seeing the risen Jesus, retorting, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my fingers in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe." Note that Thomas's refusal to believe without empirical proof was not due to his immersion in Enlightenment philosophy or exposure to the Scientific Revolution. Resurrection in the first century was also met with incredulity.

Of course, belief in the modern West does have its challenges. Ours is not only a politically polarized culture, where the alt-right and far-left clash, but a religiously polarized culture, where fundamentalist believers and fundamentalist unbelievers (i.e. "The New Atheists") clash. Because these clashes grab the headlines, it is easy to think there are only two options: belief or skepticism. But, as philosopher Charles Taylor notes, fundamentalist believers who reject all doubt as groundless, and fundamentalist unbelievers who reject all faith as wish fulfillment, are the minority. Most people are somewhere in the middle. Believers find themselves in moments of doubt. And skeptics, at times, wonder if there might be something more, a greater "fullness," rather than a purely immanent, closed universe.

The story of doubting Thomas suggests a third way beyond doubtless faith and unflinching skepticism. Thomas's faith was not forged in the absence of doubt, but through doubt. When Thomas does come to faith, his confession stands out in the New Testament as one of the boldest. Thomas says, "My Lord and My God!" Church history indicates that Thomas ultimately dies for his faith in the resurrected Jesus. By being honest about his doubts, Thomas came to believe the world is far more strange, more wonderful, more surprising than he had previously imagined. His initial skepticism ultimately yields to a deep conviction that the love and power of God did indeed break into the world through the resurrected body of Jesus.

This brings us back to our original question. Did Jesus of Nazareth actually rise from the dead? Regardless of where you find in the continuum of belief or unbelief, the resurrection of Jesus is undoubtedly worth investigating. One place to begin the investigative journey is to visit an Easter Service at one of the churches in our community. Another might be to pick up the book Resurrection of The Son of God, by First Century Historian, and former lecturer at Oxford, Cambridge, N.T. Wright. For if the unthinkable actually happened—if Jesus was raised from the dead—then life not death, love not hate, light not darkness, has the final say.

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

April 14 to April 21, 2019

During this period, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 298 day and night time calls for service.

Monday, April 8 (hold over)

Sometime between 2:30PM and 2:55PM, a grand theft occurred in the 200 block of N. Grove Street. The suspect(s) removed the victim's gardening equipment, a lawnmower, edger and trimmer taken from the victim's vehicle and placed it into the suspect vehicle.

The suspect(s) then fled the scene.

Case to Detectives

Wednesday, April 17

In the area of the Chantry Flat entrance at about 11:49PM, officers interviewed a driver following a traffic stop for a vehicle violation. During the interview, officers observed a BB gun that resembled a firearm in plain view. A high risk stop was conducted, the vehicle was searched and the following items were found: illicit weapons, illicit narcotics, and items commonly used to sell illicit narcotics. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Jail for booking.

Case to Detectives

Friday, April 19

A case was filed utilizing SMPD's on-line reporting system that between 3:35PM on 4/18 and 11:00AM on 4/19, unknown suspect(s) vandalized a vehicle by smashing the rear window. The vehicle was parked in the 300 block of E. Grandview Ave.

Case pending further information.



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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills *thechefknows@yahoo.com*

THE COPS HANG OUT

If and hopefully you have been following me right here in the newspaper and my radio show on Go Country 105. With that said you know I have found many Mexican restaurants in Southern California. It makes sense, doesn't hurt to have many Mexican Restaurants, but how many of them are good. I mean even acceptable. There are those that have above average food but the drinks plain stink!!! Or the drinks are good but the food sucks!!! Well my friends since I am high and dry this month, the food part of this equation was what I was looking for, so with my friend Janice, (claims to be a restaurant critic in waiting) I trekked down to East LA to the Original El Tepeyac Café on Evergreen in the heart of East LA.

The restaurant is fairly small with a counter and plenty of parking. The atmosphere is lively and the patrons come from all and I mean all walks of life. So what is it that brings patrons from all parts of the city to this Café? It's the food, and it's darn good too. Portions are big and you'll always leave with half of your food in a to-go bag. I'm telling you friends I tried to order the whole menu so that I could bring to you my loyal readers and viewers the best review possible, but I failed the portions are tooooo big. So what did I have? I asked the server on a few suggestions and I went with the Taquitos with Guacamole, as soon as saw this portion I knew I ordered too much food. Next was the Manuel tacos, friend Janice wouldn't share but the look on her eyes I can tell she was pleased or was it that I am so handsome? Hmmm. The staple or the signature dish at El Tepeyac are the burritos my selection was the #2 A Chile Colorado at this is a great dish and is pork slowly simmered in a red chile sauce, man it's worth driving back for. If you are running from the cops stay away, El Tepeyac is a fav of the men in blue. The Hollenbeck Burrito is a favorite of the police and comes with chips and guacamole. Next time I'm going to order the Okie de Pollo...shredded chicken breast. So what does El Tepeyac mean? The Hill that the Virgin Mary was sighted!!! No beer or wine. My only complaint is this darn to go menu. I guess I'm just getting old the print is too small.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE by Deanne Davis

“The only thing that will make a soufflé fall is if it knows you're afraid of it!” James Beard

Easter last Sunday was simply wonderful, a sunrise service by the side of a lake with cormorants diving into the water, perching on buoys and flapping their wings, good music and the message one Jesus would have loved. In fact, it was one of His favorites: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.” John 13:34-35. As the minister said, love each other all the time, not just when you're in the mood, or when they're someone you like, but everyone, all the time.



After church our little people opened their Easter baskets, revealing quantities of chocolate, and breakfast was demanded. I created that quick old standby, bacon-onion-egg, which consists of bacon sliced in chunks and cooked in a big skillet with sliced onions then eggs scrambled in when the bacon-onion mixture is properly browned. A little cheese is a nice addition. Served on hot plates, with coffee, and everyone will be full and ready for a nap. Sunrise services require one to be up, dressed and ready to go at about 5:30 a.m.! But worth it, friends and neighbors, so worth it. However, in my heart of hearts, what I really wanted was cheese soufflé. Now I'm going to dream about it till I make it!

My mother, now residing in heaven, liked cheese soufflé. When I was a surly teen-ager and doing a lot of the cooking for the two of us as she was a single working mom, we found this recipe and discovered that we could make cheese soufflé just like any French chef and so we did, with some regularity. If you don't have a soufflé dish, don't worry about it. Just use any 2-qt. casserole dish and it will be fine. You can get yourself a dandy one for under \$20 at Amazon.com. Most important thing, don't be intimidated. It's just food!

6 Tb. butter
6 Tb. flour
1-1/2 cups milk
6 large eggs separated
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
¼ tsp. dry mustard
Dash cayenne pepper
2 cups shredded cheese

Ingredients 1-3 are step one. This, by the way, is called a “roux” pronounced “roo” as in Kanga and Roo from Winnie the Pooh.

Melt the butter in a medium saucepan. Add the flour and cook this for several minutes over medium heat then start adding the milk, stirring constantly, a little at a time, and you'll find you have a gorgeous white sauce. Remove from the heat, admire it, add your cheese (I like the Mexican four cheese blend which comes pre-shredded in a nice plastic bag in the cheese section of your market.) blend in till melted, and set it aside.

6 large eggs separated. This is tricky as it's hard to get the whites into the large electric mixer bowl without any of the yellow coming along. But YOU can do it! Put the yolks in a small bowl. Beat the whites in your mixer, with the salt, till they form stiff peaks. Set aside.

To the yolks, add the pepper, dry mustard, and a dash of cayenne pepper if you have it. Take your small whisk, beat this together and add it to the roux-cheese mixture.

Now take your beaten egg whites, which are still stiffly peaking, and gently fold in the roux-cheese-egg yolk mixture a little at a time till it's all combined. Do not use your mixer to blend these together as it's too harsh and will ruin your perfect and practically finished soufflé.

Put a little olive oil on a paper towel and very lightly grease your soufflé dish. Gently scoop your soufflé mixture into the dish and give it a top hat by making a circle about an inch or so deep in the soufflé and about an inch or so from the side of the dish. This is very classy and looks great when it's finished.

Now, you can bake your soufflé at about 370-375 for about 50 minutes and have a very crusty outside and creamy interior or you can bake it at about 335 centered in a pan of hot water for about 5-10 minutes more. This makes for a firmer texture with less crusty outside. Either way is terrific. No peeking while cooking!

Be sure everyone is ready to dine, napkin in lap, fork in hand, when you remove your soufflé from the oven. Bear it to the table with great ceremony and enjoy the applause, the admiration...and the soufflé!

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KATIE Tse.....This and That

BRAIN FIZZLES EPISODE 4: ONESIES

My husband and I were at the track last weekend, as we are most weekends, and I was struck again by the great preponderance of onesies. They reminded me a bit of those stretchy furniture covers used to disguise regular, old folding tables.

Surely you've seen them. They usually come in black and expand to cover the length, width, and height, so that none of the original structure remains to be seen. Yes, it appears that placing naked folding tables on display is a bit much. Let's dress them in some nice spandex. That way no one will know they're really folding tables.

But getting back to the track, it seems that nowhere else are there so many onesies on parade. Granted, I'm not fashionable at all, and my husband and I don't exactly frequent places where one gets dressed up. And if we do make the rare appearance at such a place, I'm the under-dressed one. But I remain unabapologetically sloppy.

So, onesies. You remember those nighties for little kids that are one continuous piece from the pants part to the upper half? Usually they had a trap door in the back that closed with two large buttons.

Well, they have those for adults now. Adult women, I should say. Actually, I did see a guy there wearing what looked like a qiana full-body jumpsuit patterned with gold chains and marijuana leaves. But he was the exception. At the track, female onesies are the rule.

I counted them last week just for kicks, and came up with nineteen sightings. But three of them were on pre-pubescent girls, so those don't count. Every time I mention my observations to my husband he tells me he's going to buy me a pair, to which I strongly protest. I know he won't do it. He doesn't throw money around on stuff he knows I'll never use.

I've seen every kind of onesie imaginable at the track. Recently some lady inside the walking ring had a particularly dramatic number. It was all white, possibly lame' (rhyming with “flambe”, not “dame”), with a split floor length cape in the back and some serious side action up top.

We guessed she was a celebrity of some sort, the way she was posing for endless pictures. Good for her. Even if I was a celebrity I'd never be caught dead wearing such a thing. But then, you know what I'm like.

In contrast, most of the onesies I typically see are much tamer. And don't get me wrong, a lot of them look quite nice. It's not so much the way they look that bothers me, it's the logistics of it all. I mean, if you have to use the bathroom, do you need to take the whole thing off? Seems like a lot of effort to put into an outfit.

If you ask me, a trap door in back would be easier. But I suppose that's the kind of comment you'd expect from someone as unfashionable as I am. That's why this column's called “This & That” and not “Katie's Fashion Tips.” Till next time.



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Local Area News Briefs

Metro Postpones Vote on Pasadena-to-North Hollywood Bus



The Metro Board of Directors postponed a vote Thursday over a dispute on what route a new dedicated busway from Pasadena to North Hollywood would take –either the 134 freeway or surface streets, including Colorado Boulevard. The vote, to start environmental review is now scheduled for their May meeting. The motion to delay was made by L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. She said they needed more input from cities impacted by the plan.

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek made clear that the city was opposed to the board's preferred street alternative. Tornek said the already congested Colorado Boulevard can not handle the large 60 foot buses and dedicated stations. He also said they would have to be dismantled every New Years because of the Rose Parade.

The proposed plan would extend from the Memorial Park Gold Line Station to Hill Street and Colorado Boulevard at Pasadena City College. Tornek did say he favors the project overall but thinks it should end at Memorial Park. Tornek also said he would like to see the project connect Pasadena with the Burbank Airport.

The \$267 million project is set for a 2020 groundbreaking, with an opening by 2022-2024. The project is on a list for anticipated projects for the 2028 Olympics hosted in Los Angeles.

The freeway alternative would almost exclusively followed the 134 Freeway. The street route would follow Colorado Boulevard to the 134 near Eagle Rock and Glenoaks Boulevard to Olive Ave in Burbank to Riverside Drive in North Hollywood. Stops would include the downtown Burbank Metrolink station.

Innovation Expo to be Held May 10

Join PUSD students on May 10 in the Blair High School Gymnasium (1201 S. Marengo Ave., Pasadena) as we celebrate student achievement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).

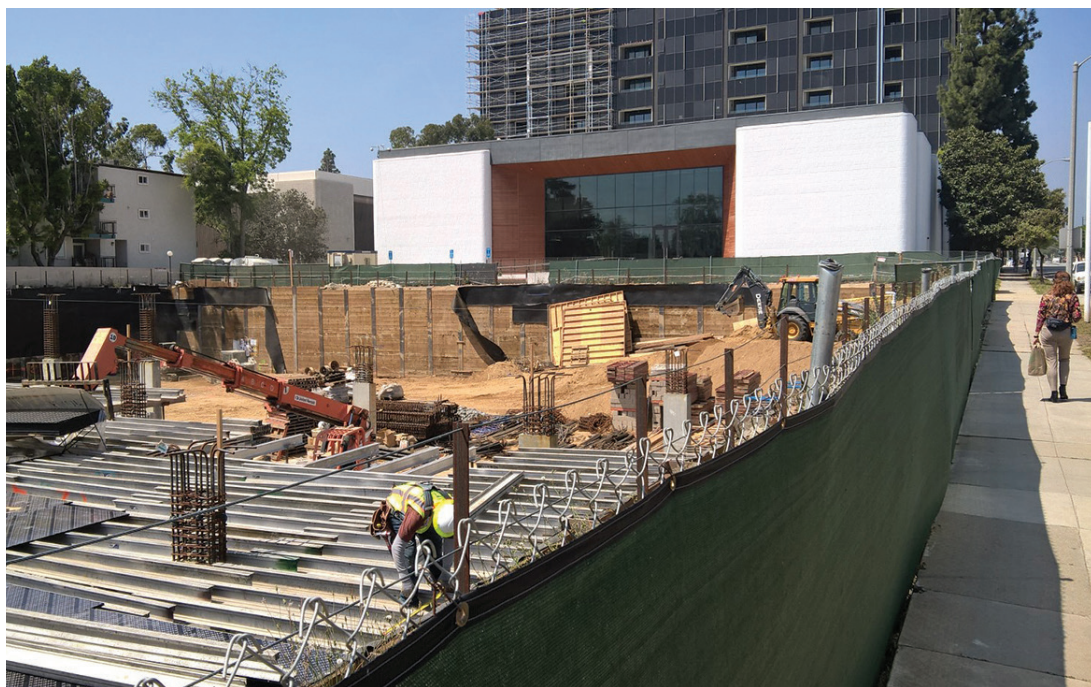
The Innovation Exposition is a novel approach to inspire students to think critically and explore their interests and talents in STEM. Students will submit projects in one of the following categories: Invention, Science Fiction, Scientific Inquiry, Innovation, Creativity with 3D Printing & Reverse Engineering

Students in grades K-8 can participate; students in grades 4-8 can submit projects for competition.

The Caltech Center for Teaching, Learning & Outreach will provide interactive activities for kids of all ages.

Public Viewing:
Friday 5:00pm – 6:00 pm
Awards Ceremony:
6 pm - 7pm

Visit gopusd.com/innovationexpo for details.



City to Discuss Los Robles Housing Project

The Pasadena city council is set Monday night to take up an Affordable Housing Concession Permit to allow proposed new construction on South Los Robles to exceed the maximum height and size for buildings in that area.

The project at 253 S. Los Robles Avenue was first herded by the Board of Zoning Appeals on April 3. The concessions were approved by a 3-1 vote.

According to a city staff report the request was for “two affordable housing concessions to facilitate construction of a new 94,165 square-foot, six-story, 92-unit, multi-family residential building (including eight “very low income” units), with 131 parking spaces in

a three-level subterranean parking garage.

At issue was, “the maximum building height allowed for the site is 60 feet (75 feet when height averaging is applied). The applicant is requesting a maximum building height of 80 feet.”

The maximum allowed floor area ratio is 2.25 and the developers were requesting an increased ratio to 2.65 for the site.

The Board of Zoning finding concluded that there would be no adverse impact on public health, public safety, or the physical environment as a result of the project. Eight of the units would be “very-low income” something the board found

beneficial to the city.

Representatives for the applicant, Odyssey Development Services, asked that both Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and Councilmember Andy Wilson both recuse themselves from any discussion about the project. They said in a letter to the city that Tornek and Wilson have shown bias toward “density bonus projects.”

The call for review, by the council, was requested April 7 by Tornek. Representatives for the applicant also said this gave them no time to prepare.

The city council meets 6:30 p.m. in the council chamber, Pasadena City Hall 100 North Garfield Ave, room S249.

Chamber set for Upcoming Pasadena Restaurant Week

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce announced this week that for the 10th Pasadena Restaurant Week participating restaurants will offer specially prepared meals at fixed prices from Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th.

They also said that guests are invited to return to an old favorite or try someplace new. Taste the best Pasadena has to offer at unbeatable prices. Pasadena Restaurant Week is a great opportunity to visit Pasadena favorites such as Bistro 45, Green Street Restaurant, Sushi Roku, Bone Kettle, White Horse Lounge, Kathleen's, Del Frisco's Grille, El Cholo, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, Celestino Ristorante, Clearman's Northwoods Inn, True Food Kitchen, Roy's Hawaiian, Mi Piacce, SORRISO-Bar Celona, Leberry Bakery, Meat District Company, Vertical Wine Bistro, The Terrace at the Langham Huntington Hotel, and many more. Patrons can also try out some of our newly opened restaurants such as New School of Cooking and Foothill. Pricing and full menus for all participants are available at pasadenarestaurantweek.com.

Chef Erwin Tjahyadi at Bone Kettle has put together a deliciously enticing menu of Indonesian cuisine from a Southern California perspective in offering a two-course lunch that can include Spicy Papaya Salad or Chicken Wings, Ginger Seared Chicken or Top Sirloin with Bone Broth or Crispy Tempeh with Vegan Broth and Noodles. Dinner at Bone Kettle is three courses with selections such as Gado Gado (tofu tempeh salad with vegetables, fruit, quail eggs and more) for the first course, Braised Oxtails with Bone Broth and Noodles, Rendang Carbonara (braised short ribs, shallots, scallions cilantro and more), and Crab Nasi Goreng (fried rice, crab,

eggs, chicken chicharron gremolata and Nam Pia, with dessert of Pandan Crème Brulee of Black Sesame Panna Cotta.

At The Terrace at the Langham Huntington Hotel, diners can enjoy a variety of choices including a three course dinner menu of Sugar Snap Peas and Burrata Cheese, Sea Scallops and a dessert of Chocolate Salted Caramel Mousse Domes served with Espresso Ice Cream. Lunch at Sushi Roku could include Short Rib Boa, Spicy Pork belly 'kakuni' Fried Rice and a Mini Chocolate Volcano. Dinner could include Oysters to start, with entrees of Sushi or Filet mignon and Sorbet and Fresh Fruit for dessert.

The New School of Cooking includes a breakfast menu with choices including Oreo Pancakes, a Veggie Quinoa Omelet and a Chilaquiles Skillet. Lunch is also offered.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar offers Chopped Salad, Barbecue Scottish Salmon and Key Lime Pie among their dinner offerings. For lunch at Fleming's, diners can enjoy Chef's Seasonal Soup and Porcini-Crusted Filet Mignon with Carrot Cake among the choices.

For lunch at Roy's Hawaiian, guests can choose among Tempura-Crusted Ahi Roll or Crispy Chicken Spring Rolls as an appetizer and entrees of Teriyaki Tofu, Karaage Fried Chicken or Teppanyaki Shrimp, among others.

The participating restaurant list and menus are being updated daily. Look for updated restaurant listings, menus and more click on the Restaurants & Menus link at: pasadenarestaurantweek.com.

Those interested can get all the restaurant, menu, pricing and cuisine information on your iPhone or Android smart phone. Download the Pasadena Restaurant Week mobile application at the App Store or Google Play.

Resolution On PG&E's Bankruptcy

Assemblymember Chris Holden on Thursday introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution 78, to express the will of the legislature in PG&E's bankruptcy proceedings. The resolution has 21 coauthors.

“PG&E's bankruptcy will have a ripple effect that impacts everyone across the state,” said Assemblymember Chris Holden. “There is a lot at stake, and we want to make clear that the outcome must prioritize victims, ratepayers, and any reorganization of PG&E should not jeopardize the state's safety, energy reliability, and climate change goals.”

The resolution also expresses that it is the will of the Legislature for the California Public Utilities Commission and any other entities representing the state of California involved in the court proceeding to ensure that damages to fire victims, where PG&E is determined to be responsible, are resolved equitably, that PG&E's rank and file employees continue to receive wages, and that PG&E's executive compensations be restricted.

“Our wildfire issues are not going away, which is why we must lay out our foundation of principles in order to effectively and prudently guide decisions related to PG&E and its future.”

The full text of the resolution can be found at: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

Chief Ortiz Swearing-in Ceremony Monday

The public is invited to attend a ceremonial swearing-in for the new South Pasadena Police Chief, Joe Ortiz. The swearing in will take place at 7 p.m. Monday in the City Council Chambers.

Ortiz comes to South Pasadena from the Sierra Madre Police Department.

Ortiz is set to begin his new position on Wednesday according to City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe. As chief, he will lead a department of 53, with 36 sworn officers and 17 non-sworn staff members.

Ortiz joined the Sierra Madre Police in 2010 as a patrol sergeant and rose up through the ranks, becoming captain of operations and support divisions in 2014 and chief in 2016.

Prior to Sierra Madre, he served as a detective and corporal in the Glendora Police Department. He is a veteran of the Air Force and the Air National Guard.

Ortiz described his law enforcement approach as “contemporary, community-based policing.” His leadership style, he said, one of inclusion and relationship building with internal and external stakeholders to define and achieve common goals, citing the coalition building that led to broad



Ortiz

support of the Sierra Madre Police Department's strategic plan.

“I look forward to engaging with the South Pasadena community, police officers and staff, and the City leadership teams,” Ortiz said. “My predecessors have created a very strong department, and I'm excited to be able to build on that success with a collaborative approach.”

Ortiz succeeds former South Pasadena Chief Art Miller, who left the City in August. Captain Brian Solinsky has served as acting chief since that time.

“I'd like to welcome Chief Ortiz to the South Pasadena community,” said South Pasadena Mayor Marina Khubesrian. “His reputation in Sierra Madre is excellent, and I have full confidence that he will bring the same high level of service and dedication to our residents.”

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Month in the United States and the Pasadena Unified School District is raising awareness about the importance of mental health and to stop the stigma associated with mental health disorders.

Pasadena Unified is partnering with Huntington Hospital and local community mental health agencies to invite PUSD parents, staff, students, and the community for an informative evening on suicide awareness and prevention in youth. The event on May 1, 2019 features a resource fair and a keynote address by Huntington Hospital pediatric psychiatrist A. Paul Kurkjian, M.D. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m. Admission is free. McKinley School Auditorium, 325 S. Oak Knoll Ave., Pasadena.

PUSD mental health professionals from the district's Child Welfare Attendance & Safety office, community mental health partners, and other community partners will be available to talk about their services and provide support with referrals and links to services for students in need. Flyer

To support the socio-emotional, mental, and physical needs of its students, Pasadena Unified has developed an organized and multi-tiered system of supports, including mental health professionals, counselors, and policies. For more information visit: pusd.us.

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LITFEST BRINGS OVER 150 AUTHORS TO PASADENA'S HISTORIC PLAYHOUSE DISTRICT

The 8th annual LitFest Pasadena features a host of special guest authors in panels, readings and other activities on May 18th and 19th. From late afternoon into evening, LitFest Pasadena welcomes writers and poets from all walks of life and all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, discussing widely diverse topics, presenting their works, and offering interactive events, aimed to attract people of every interest. Amid the historic architecture of the Playhouse District, the plentiful courtyards, the varied restaurants, and the sidewalks leading from one venue to another, LitFest Pasadena seeks to offer viewpoints, experiences, and observations that will provide context and insight, expand understanding, embrace our diversity, and celebrate all things literary. As always, the Festival is offered free of charge.

This year's LitFest Pasadena is thrilled to welcome international bestselling author Lisa See, author of the instant New York Times bestseller *The Island of Sea Women*, Janet Fitch, author of the classic *White Oleander* and the upcoming *Chimes of a Lost Cathedral*, and Nina Revoyr, author of the LA Times bestseller *Southland* - three highly acclaimed Los Angeles novelists gathering on stage for a conversation about fiction, writing, characters, and creativity. Award-winning and critically acclaimed author Attica Locke (*Bluebird*, *Bluebird*, *Pleasantville*, and *Black Water Rising*) is also a writer for TV and she joins writers and show runners Gina Fattore and Jim Gavin to dissect the challenges of telling stories and developing characters for the page and for the screen in *Book to TV: Is the Story Still a Story?*

As podcasting is an increasingly fashionable medium, writer and teacher Keenan Norris asks *Badass Bookworm* podcast host Cassandra Dallet, KPFF's Bibliocracy Radio host Andrew Tonkovich, Los Angeles Review of Books editor Medaya Ocher, and co-host of the LARB's "Radio Hour" podcaster Eric Newman, "can literary podcasts do more than simply kill a few minutes while stuck in traffic on the 405?" Also, public radio legend Kitty Felde has turned to podcasting too - audiences of all ages will be engrossed by her live taping of her Kitty Felde Book Club for Kids.

Speaking of kids, middle grade author Dana Middleton (*The Infinity Year of Avalon James*, *Open if You Dare*) shepherds a panel on the Modern Wave of Middle Grade books and authors, Christina Hoag addresses with her fellow panelists the challenge of writing Strong Female Teen Characters in Our Current #MeToo Era, and Be True to You: Owned Voices and Empathy in YA discusses the "owned voices" movement as a transformative voice

in YA literature.

Keeping it local, LitFest Pasadena presents the "spitfire poetry and short story showcase" of Community Lit LA with Hiram Sims, Literature for Life online publication and educational resource with Kevin Stricke, *Hyped Up on Local: Why Local Journalism Matters* with Sophia Kercher, and Pasadena Weekly contributor Justin Chapman moderating *Alternative Newsweeklies Find a Niche* with Pasadena Weekly editor Kevin Uhrich, publisher Dina Stegon, deputy editor Andr  Coleman, Arts Director Carl Kozlowski, and columnist Ellen Snortland.

Local author, teacher, and LitFest Pasadena co-founder Jervey Tervalon discusses *Memoirs of Black LA*, takes on the provocative subject of *Toxic Masculinity* and will lead the celebration of his dear friend Pulitzer Prize-winning food critic Jonathan Gold who died last year. Thanks to the distributors and film director Laura Gabbert, LitFest Pasadena presents a screening of *City of Gold*, which has been described as "a love letter to Los Angeles," followed by a panel discussion featuring the director, Laurie Ochoa-Gold and Tervalon.

LitFest Pasadena is presented by Light Bringer Project, the Pasadena-based arts and education nonprofit, and Literature for Life, the literary journal and resource for educators. In partnership with Sci-Fest L.A. two annual short science fiction writing competitions are awarded at LitFest Pasadena. The competitions' mission is to identify and nurture up-and-coming science fiction writing talent of Los Angeles and worldwide. The Tomorrow Prize is awarded to the best original science fiction by Los Angeles County high school students. The "Green Feather Award" presented by L.A. Audubon recognizes an outstanding science fiction short story by a teen author that celebrates overcoming today's environmental challenges. The Roswell Award is presented to outstanding short science fiction by adults. Over the years, submissions have come from dozens of countries. The "Women Hold Up Half the Sky" recognizes a science fiction story that embraces feminist themes and has a strong female protagonist. The winning story will be published both by *Artemis Journal* and *Hollywood NOW*. All prize winners' works are read aloud on stage by guest celebrities.

LitFest Pasadena is made possible by the support of the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Playhouse District.

For more information about LitFest Pasadena 2019 Schedule or to a be LitFest Pasadena volunteer visit: litfestpasadena.org

On the Move: Intersection of Neighborhoods

Local residents and writers Naomi Hirahara and Lynell George will discuss, at the La Pintoresca Branch library May 4 • 4-5:30 p.m, changing neighborhoods and how they play prominently in their novels, books, essays and research.

Hirahara will present a section of her historic novel in progress, *Clark & Division*, and discuss how Japanese Americans in large numbers moved to Chicago after being released from World War II incarceration camps. The Edgar Award winner for the *Mas Arai* and *Ellie Rush* mystery series, Hirahara writes

nonfiction, including co-writing *Life after Manzanar* and *Terminal Island: The Lost Communities of Los Angeles Harbor*.

George will share her new book, *Los Angeles Outside the Frame*, a collection of essays, evocative photographs, profiles and reportage focused on Los Angeles beneath-the-surface – both the past and the here-and-now. An essayist and journalist, George has also written *No Crystal Stair: African Americans in the City of Angels*, and won a Grammy for her liner notes for "Otis Redding Live at the Whisky A Go-Go."

Free Monthly Events at Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in December at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

Scenic Walkers Club – Wednesdays, May 1 to 29, at 9 a.m. Join members of the Pasadena Senior Center's Scenic Walkers Club for walks to scenic local places to enjoy the great outdoors and get some exercise. For more information, including where to meet up each week, contact Scenic Walkers Club coordinator Alan Colville at alancolville@charter.net.

Treatments for Melanoma and Other Skin Cancers Lecture – Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. Learn about leading-edge immunotherapy treatments for

melanoma and its potential in other skin cancers.

Food Bank – Friday, May 3, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Low-income individuals 60 and older will receive one box of food, and couples will receive two boxes. Proof of income and a California ID are required. Bags are heavy, so please bring a personal shopping cart.

Friday Movie Matinees – Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, and 31 at 1 p.m. Everyone enjoys the experience of watching movies and the pleasures they bring. May 3: "Can You Ever Forgive Me" (2018, R) starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E. Grant. When Lee Israel falls out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to deception. May 10: "Mary Queen of Scots" (2018, R) starring Saoirse Ronan and Margot Robbie. Mary

PASADENA CITY MEETINGS *Regular City Council Meeting*

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MONDAY APRIL 29

Public Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Council Chamber, Pasadena City Hall
100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S249

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Chair Mayor Terry Tornek, Victor Gordo, John J. Kennedy, Margaret McAustin)

Meets April 29 (Special meeting) at 4:00 p.m., 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (City Hall Council Chamber, 2nd floor)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chair Margaret McAustin, Tyron Hampton, Terry Tornek, Andy Wilson)

Meets April 30 (Special meeting) at 4:00 p.m., Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (Council Chamber, 2nd Floor)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (Chair John J. Kennedy, Tyron Hampton, Steve Madison, Gene Masuda)

Meets May 6 at 4:15 p.m. Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S249 (Council Chamber, 2nd Floor)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (Chair Victor Gordo, Tyron Hampton, Steve Madison, Andy Wilson)

Meets May 21, at 5:30 p.m. Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S245/S246 (Council Conference Room, 2nd Floor)

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (Chair Terry Tornek, Steve Madison, Gene Masuda)

Meets May 28 at 6:00 p.m., Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S245/S246 (Council Conference Room, 2nd Floor)

SOUTH PASADENA CITY MEETINGS *Regular City Council Meeting*

Next meeting May 1

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street.

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Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday May 9 at 7 p.m.

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Stuart's attempt to overthrow her cousin Elizabeth I, Queen of England, finds her condemned to years of imprisonment before facing execution. May 17: "Black KKKlansman" (2018, R) starring John David Washington and Adam Driver. Ron Stallworth, an African American police officer from Colorado Springs, CO, successfully manages to infiltrate the local Ku Klux Klan branch with the help of a Jewish surrogate who eventually becomes its leader. Based on actual events. May 31: "Mary Poppins Returns" (2018, PG) starring Emily Blunt and Lin-Manuel Miranda. Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.

Screening Mimis Film

Discussion Club – Tuesdays, May 7 and 21, at 1:30 p.m. Diehard film fans are invited to watch a movie the first and third Tuesday of every month, preceded by a presentation about the film's hidden history and followed by lively discussion. May 7: *Nightcrawler* (2014, R) starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Rene Russo. When Louis Bloom, a con man desperate for work, muscles into the world of L.A. crime journalism, he blurs the line between observer and participant to become the star of his own story. May 21: *The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone* (1961, R) starring Vivien Leigh and Warren Beatty. An aging actress travels to Rome with her husband; after he suddenly dies during the flight, she begins a passionate affair with a young gigolo.

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San Marino Looking for Commission Recruitments

The City of San Marino is seeking volunteers for the Design Review Committee and Library Board of Trustees. Please contact Deputy City Clerk Nia Hernandez at (626) 300-0705 or email cityclerk@cityofsanmarino.org for further information or you may download the Commission Application from the City's website at www.cityofsanmarino.org. Deadline for submitting the applications is Friday, May 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to San Marino City Hall 2200 Huntington Drive San Marino, CA 91108.

Volunteer with the Parks and Public Works Department

San Marino is seeking volunteers to assist with rose pruning, sidewalk inspection and identifying tree vacancies. This is a great opportunity for individuals to learn about their community and gain work experience. The City's Volunteer Program helps the community and teaches participants more about our city projects.

Rose Pruning

Support your local community and help the city keep the Lacy Park rose gardens blooming! If roses are pruned now during the cold season, they will blossom in the spring with vibrant colors. No experience is necessary. Volunteers will be taught easy pruning methods. Enjoy the outdoors while learning about roses and how to properly prune.

Sidewalk Inspection

Work together to improve our streets and fix our sidewalks. Take pride in our streets and help volunteer to keep the city's sidewalks hazard free. Volunteers will inspect sidewalks in preparation of the city's street rehabilitation project. They will identify new sidewalk hazards and update the citywide sidewalk assessment.

Tree Vacancies

Take pride in the city's tree preservation plan and volunteer to help protect city trees. Enjoy the outdoors, learn about the tree preservation plan and volunteer to report locations where the city can plant or replant trees.

The volunteer manual and application are located on the city's website at: cityofsanmarino.org.

Please contact the Parks and Public Works Department at (626) 300-0765 or email PublicWorks@CityofSanMarino.org to learn how the City's volunteers are helping the community and spending time outdoors.

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at:
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Safe Gun Storage Bill Passes Second Policy Committee

Portantino Continues Leadership on Gun Reform

Senator Anthony Portantino's firearm storage bill passed the Senate Human Services Committee on Tuesday. SB 172 proposes to resolve the problem of improper and dangerous firearm storage in residential homes and residential senior care facilities. Unsafe storage puts guns in the wrong hands and far too often leads to potentially deadly situations. The vast majority of accidental firearm deaths, suicides and senseless acts of violence among children are related to easy access of firearms. In addition, there are serious deficiencies in the law regarding firearms in residential senior care facilities.

"Children are far too often put in jeopardy when they are in homes that practice unsafe gun storage. Residential storage needs stronger regulation and our senior facilities need formal guidance so both younger and older residents are safe from inadvertent gun violence. I am very pleased that this needed and common-sense effort is progressing through the legislative process," said Senator Portantino.

SB 172 seeks to strengthen Child Access Prevention laws to lower incidences of unintentional firearm deaths among our youth. It insures firearms are properly locked and stored. Specifically, this bill broadens the application of criminal storage crimes, adds criminal storage offenses to those offenses that can trigger a 10-year gun ban, creates an exemption to firearm loan requirements for the purposes of preventing suicide and mandates rules related to firearm storage and reporting for residential care facilities for the elderly.

SB 172 is supported by the Brady Campaign, Consumer Advocates for RCFE Reform (CARR), Bay Area Student Activists (BASA), Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and Drain the NRA.



San Marino: Are you Ready for the Next Power Outage

Recently, representatives from the San Marino Fire Department attended a "Power Talk Session" conducted by Southern California Edison (SCE). This presentation, and the weather that Southern California experienced this winter, provided a glimpse of the potential disruption to normal life that can be created by power outages. SCE discussed a number of public safety programs,

including:

- SCE's Wildfire Mitigation Program

- Power Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) Protocol

- PSPS Notification

- Outage Notifications

- An Outage Overview/ Simulation

- SCE's Grid Modernization

The Fire Department reminds residents that severe weather conditions can result in electrical service interruptions. Power outages occur as a result of wires being downed due to wind and falling trees. Residents should take steps now to be prepared in their homes and businesses.

If you see a downed power line or dangling wire – even if it appears not to be live – don't touch or approach it or anything that is in contact with it, and call 911 immediately.

The Fire Department recommends getting ready for potential outages by taking the following measures:

- Place flashlights in handy locations, such as near telephones.

- Install surge protectors to help



safeguard valuable electronic equipment such as computers and home entertainment systems.

- Know where to find each utility box (electricity, water and gas) and how to turn them off. Keep the proper tools to do so handy.

- Always back up important work and files on your computer.

- If you have an automatic garage door or gate, learn how to open it manually (without power).

- Consider keeping at least one car at least half full with fuel. Gas stations need electricity to pump gas and will be shut down during an outage. Please note that stockpiling gasoline is not recommended. Gasoline is a hazardous, combustible substance. Portable gasoline generators should never be used inside homes, garages, office buildings or other enclosed spaces.

- Make a safety preparedness plan for your family that includes a list and location of the above items. Be prepared to meet the special needs of infants and elderly or disabled family members. Also plan how you will care for any pets.

For additional public safety information, please visit the San Marino Fire Department website

at: CityofSanMarino.org/144/Fire-Department.

ARCADIA

CITY OF ARCADIA'S LAW DAY OFFERS FREE LEGAL ADVICE

The City of Arcadia in partnership with the Arcadia Chinese Association (ACA) will offer a free Ask-a-Lawyer Program at the Arcadia Public Library, 20 West Duarte Road, on Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the nationwide Law Day celebration. This is the 21st consecutive year that the City and ACA have offered this free public service.

Volunteer attorneys are available to meet with the public and provide them with a free, brief one-on-one consultation on general legal questions. They will provide a summary of legal rights and general advice on a "walk-up" basis, and where appropriate, will refer individuals to the proper legal or governmental organizations. Law Day attorneys are unable to accept any cases from the people they meet.

Law Day attorneys will answer questions on important legal topics, such as: immigration, consumer rights, landlord-tenant issues, insurance issues, property, family law, taxes, estate planning and trusts, general litigation, bankruptcy, government benefits, employee rights, workers' compensation, personal injury, and other topics. Informational brochures and pamphlets are available as additional legal resources.

Participants are encouraged to bring any information pertinent to their case so the attorney is able to give the most accurate and reliable advice. No reservations are required for this free service and everyone is welcome to attend. Translation services will be available in Mandarin and Cantonese. Other languages may be available.

For more information, please call the City Manager's Office at 574-5401.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, April 14th, through Saturday, April 20th, the Police Department responded to 1,088 calls for service, of which 149 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, April 14:

1. Shortly before 2:36 a.m., officers responded to the intersection of Santa Anita Avenue and Magna Vista Avenue regarding a hit and run traffic collision. The suspect's vehicle was located nearby and upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the 36-year-old male's breath. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the suspect was driving with a blood alcohol content of .21%. The El Monte resident was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. At approximately 5:10 p.m., an officer responded to Extended Stay Hotel, 401 East Santa Clara Street, regarding a vandalism report. An altercation occurred between a father and son resulting in the adult son throwing his skateboard at the father's truck. The 33-year-old son from Hollywood was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, April 15:

3. Just after 6:35 p.m., an officer responded to JCPenney, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a petty theft report. Loss prevention employees witnessed the 36-year-old male from Rosemead steal more than \$350.00 worth of merchandise. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
4. At approximately 1:39 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of South Golden West Avenue regarding a subject digging through trash cans. A records check revealed the 33-year-old male from San Gabriel was on probation for burglary and a consensual search of his belongings revealed a glass pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, April 16:

5. Around 10:44 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. The victim never lost possession of her credit card but discovered twelve unauthorized transactions totaling a loss of \$805.03. She does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information or the identity of the suspect.
6. Just before 12:28 p.m., officers responded to the area of El Monte Avenue and Longden Avenue regarding a robbery report. The victim parked his vehicle against the curb to check on the contents in the truck bed when he was approached by three suspects who proceeded to hit him with a tire iron and steal his wallet and phone. The suspects are described as three black males in their 30's, driving a silver 4-door sedan. The investigation is ongoing. The victim declined medical attention.

Wednesday, April 17:

7. At about 4:00 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of North Altura Road regarding a burglary report. Sometime between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on April 17th, unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked rear door, ransacked the location, and fled with a laptop and cellphone. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

Thursday, April 18:

8. Before 10:25 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 500 block of West Walnut Avenue regarding a burglary report. The suspect entered through an unlocked screen door, and when he/she encountered the victim, he/she fled through the same door. The suspect was wearing all black clothing including a hooded sweatshirt with the hood covering the suspect's face. The suspect was approximately 5'4", 100 pounds. The investigation is ongoing.
9. Around 12:30 p.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, 125 North First Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. Surveillance footage revealed a black male suspect, approximately 5'10" tall, with short curly hair and an unshaven face stole the victim's cellphone from the perimeter of the basketball court while the victim was playing. The investigation is ongoing.
10. Shortly after 6:50 p.m., an officer responded to a battery report at Joker's Koffee, 1 West Duarte Road. The officer discovered the juvenile victim was battered by an Arcadia High School senior and a Rancho Learning Center freshman. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, April 19:

11. At about 2:40 p.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. An investigation revealed three suspects attempted to steal more than \$8,000.00 worth of merchandise but after being confronted by an employee, fled with nearly \$5,000.00 worth of clothing. The suspects are described as three black females, all in their early 20's, with thin builds. The investigation is ongoing.
12. Just before 4:18 p.m., officers responded to Macy's, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a shoplifting report. Loss prevention employees witnessed the suspects steal more than \$300.00 worth of merchandise. During a search of the suspect, the store employee located a 13 ounce can of pepper spray and other burglary tools. Two Pasadena residents, a 30-year-old female and a 32-year-old female, were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

JUSTICE FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS' 35TH MEMORIAL - CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MARSY'S LAW

By Joan Schmidt



solved because LASD Homicide Detective Ray Lugo would not give up. They were presented with a JHV Medallion with "GUILTY VERDICT" and date of verdict on them

Guest Speaker was Orange County DA Todd Spitzer. The man has such passion and such a deep commitment to victims and their families. He spoke of Marsy's death and what her family endured. Spitzer, a former California State Senator and Orange County Supervisor, led a successful campaign to start a committee in support of Victims' Bill of Rights, Marsy's Law. He also was very supportive of Jack Reilly during the trial of the murderer of his daughter, Robbin Brandley. It took 32 years for the conviction of Andrew Urdiales.

Current Sheriff Alex Villanueva addressed us. He spoke of his 32 years with LASD, that LASD is committed to justice for those victimized by crime.

La Wanda Hawkins, founder, "Justice for Murder Children" attended. (Her son Reginald was murdered; case remains unsolved) Also two great volunteer youths, Joseph Bejar and Nathalia Jackson, whose fathers were murder victims. The awesome International Peace Choir performed, doves released, and family members lit candles, loved ones' names. Another beautiful day of remembrance. Please visit www.justiceforhomicidevictims.com.

MONROVIA

MONROVIA READS VAN DAMAGED BY VULCAN MATERIALS!

This past week, the Monrovia Reads Van sustained a substantial amount of damage when it was hit by a dump truck owned by Vulcan Materials! The driver of the dump truck was delivering materials to the Public Works Yard when he inadvertently backed up into the Monrovia Reads Van. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident, however, the Monrovia Reads Van will be out of service indefinitely. See the pictures below for more details on the damage to our van!

We are in the process of coordinating an insurance claim against Vulcan Materials to compensate the City for the damage to our Monrovia Reads Van. In addition, to ensure that there is no service disruption for our overall mobile library program, the City will be providing a loner bus for the City's Monrovia Reads Van library team to use until we find a permanent replacement.

DUARTE

CITY COUNCIL TO DETERMINE HOW TO FILL DISTRICT #7 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

DUARTE, CA, April 22, 2019 - District 7 Councilmember Jocelyn Nunez tendered her resignation to the City of Duarte on April 8, 2019 and it was announced at the April 9, 2019 City Council meeting.

At the April 23, 2019 City Council meeting, the Council will determine how to fill the vacancy. State law requires that it be filled within 60 days of the date the resignation was received or June 7, 2019 at the latest. The public is invited to participate in the discussion starting at 7:00 pm at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive.

For additional information, feel free to call Duarte City Hall at 626-357-7931.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATES WITH UCLA AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES TO PREVENT SPREAD OF MEASLES


Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is working closely with health officials at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and California State University Los Angeles (Cal State LA) to institute a series of actions to limit the spread of measles based on its as-sessment of the previously identified measles cases. The goals are to build awareness among stu-dents, faculty and staff about the risks of measles after a potential exposure to measles, to confirm immunity to measles for those exposed, to provide instructions on what to do if you think you were exposed, and to offer measles immunizations to the broader university community.

In this situation, for those exposed to a confirmed case of measles who could not provide evidence of two doses of measles immunizations or lab verified immunity to measles, a Health Officer Order for quarantine is being issued. Generally, a Health Officer Order ("Order") mandates the exposed person to remain at their residence, to notify Public Health if they develop symptoms of measles, and to avoid contact with others until the end of their quarantine period or until they provide evidence of immunity. Quarantine for measles can be up to 21 days from the date of last exposure, at which time the exposed person is no longer a risk for developing the disease and spreading measles to others.

Both universities are assisting with the implementation of quarantine orders and determining how best to support students who must be quarantined and who live on campus.

Measles is highly contagious. It can stay in the air for up to two hours after a sick person coughs or sneezes and can also stay on surfaces for many hours. About 90% of people who are exposed and not immune to measles become ill 7-21 days after exposure.

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Schools are considered high-risk settings for exposure due to potentially frequent and prolonged contact. In accordance with the February 1, 2016, California Department of Public Health Immunization and Screening recommendations for college students, UCLA and CSULA require two doses of Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) immunization OR positive titer (laboratory evidence of immunity to disease) for incoming students. Two doses of measles immunization are about 97% effective. Thus, getting immunized is the best way to prevent getting and spreading measles. Immunization protects not only the person who receives the immunization but also reduces the chance that measles will spread to family members, coworkers and friends.

Public Health will continue to communicate with schools, health care providers, health plans, local governments, and elected officials to provide updates on the measles outbreak and actions they can take to help prevent the spread of measles and support the countywide response.

If a person doesn't know their immune status, Public Health recommends they talk with their health care provider.

For more information about measles, visit: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/measles> or call 2-1-1.

MARSHALL FUNDAMENTAL'S GIRLS BUILD LOS ANGELES CHALLENGE TEAM TO HOST STRONGER THAN THE STIGMA, MENTAL HEALTH FAIR



We would like to invite you to attend the STRONGER THAN THE STIGMA Mental Health Fair hosted by the Marshall Fundamental Girls Build Los Angeles team on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Marshall Fundamental Sports Complex

Our GBLA Team is composed of 31 girls and three advisors. Our team is very diverse, with members ranging from sixth to twelfth grades. On December 15, 2017, forty-five Marshall Fundamental females students and five chaperones attended a GBLA Lead-ership Summit. There were approximately 10,000 females in attendance, and we heard from many impressive and strong women including; U.S. Senator Kamala Har-ris; American Business Woman, Bozoma Saint John; Olympic Athlete, Ibtihaj Mu-hammad; 2016 Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton; and many more. The stories they told were tremendously inspirational and empowering.

Then in September of the 2018-2019 school year a handful of girls took action and formed the Marshall Fundamental GBLA Club. Since then we have organized under a health and wellness platform and have been working very hard in raising awareness in the area of Mental Health Stigmas, and bringing a more friendly and inclusive en-vironment to our fellow Marshall Fundamental community. Our primary goals are to raise awareness, provide prevention information, and intervention resources in the area of mental health stigmas, while also providing our peers with a space for conver-sation..

As our school year comes to a close we are excited to culminate this year's project with a Mental Health Fair. We the Marshall Fundamental GBLA Team anticipate making an impact with our school population and the community. The fair includes activities booths, yoga, mindfulness, and art. We will extend resources and provide space to learn and reflect. In addition there will be music, guest speakers, and more! Please come and participate in our Stronger Than the Stigma Day, Mental Health Fair, we anticipate a good time to be had by all!

<https://mentalhealthmarshall.weebly.com/> #StrongerThanTheStigma #GBLA

Marshall Fundamental School is a public school in the Pasadena Unified School Dis-strict serving students in grades six through twelve. Marshall Fundamental offers 12 high school sports and 26 high school sports teams. U.S News and World Report named it a 2018 Silver Medalist Best High School and Dr. Mark Anderson was awarded the State of California Secondary Principal of the Year in November 2018 at the Empowering

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges EARTH WEEK COMMENTARY:



[Nyerges has been teaching self-reliance classes since 1974, and has worked with nearly all of the well-known environmental organizations. He is the author of "Extreme Simplicity," and other books. He can be reached at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

Excerpts from "EXTREME SIMPLICITY: Homesteading in the City"

"Extreme Simplicity: Homesteading in the City" is perhaps my favorite of the books I have writ-ten because it is like a personal diary of how my wife Dolores and I worked towards our goal of "living lightly on the earth," even though we had a small budget and lived in a small suburban Los Angeles home.

We were doing what our Appalachian friend used to describe as "living country in the city." We pursued all aspects of self-reliance, and wrote about it. Starting as soon

as we moved in to our new home in 1986, we began task by task with limited income. We used our front lawn to grow food, we recycled our wash water, collected rain water, had chickens, a duck, bees, and a pig, had solar water heating and solar electricity, a wood stove, and we planted fruit trees and food everywhere.

We describe our efforts to do "integral gardening" on every bit of usable land, to produce food (for people and wildlife), medicines, fragrance, shade, and useful tools. We describe the details of what it meant to raise earthworms, chickens, rabbits, bees, a goose, a pig, and our dogs in their typical suburban back yard.

Though there is much "how to" in this book, it is full of personal stories and rich reading of the learning they experienced along the way. There is a section on recycling, and a unique section about the economics of self-reliance. HERE ARE SOME SELECTED EXCERPTS

TIME AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE

Many people today believe that they're

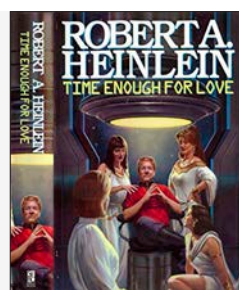
spending all their time working, yet with very little in re-turn. Unfortunately, such realizations may come too late to be remedied.

We think that the Amish people have the right idea when they keep their schools and work close to home. They don't have to go a long way to a job, thereby avoiding wasted time and energy, unnecessary expenses, and disconnection from their community. They can protect their families from undesirable influence, and there is the added bonus of having youngsters nearby where they can learn a trade from an early age. The Amish are firmly committed to valuing "quality of life" over all the stuff that our modern society deems important or indispensable - car, home enter-tainment system, fancy clothes, foods bought for "convenience" and prestige rather than fresh garden flavor and nutritional value.

4 MAGIC WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

Once, during a period of homelessness before we were married, Christopher was engulfed in thoughts of "poor me" and "I'm destitute," and he could scarcely see a way

Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown



Time Enough for Love by Robert A. Heinlein

The capstone and crowning achievement of the Future History series, from the Grand Master of Science Fiction...Lazarus Long (aka Woodrow Wilson Smith) has to be one of the most fascinating characters ever to come out of the science fiction genre. In Heinlein's hands, Lazarus is the ultimate rugged individualist; a man so full of life that he becomes witness to over 2,000 years of human history, always moving from one planet, marriage, occupation, conflict to another in search of adventure and new experiences. Along the way we are treated to a series of tales that recount significant events or time periods in Lazarus' life - all in the service of supposedly putting together an exhaustive biography of the "oldest living human being." And while this framing device may be a convenient way for Heinlein to jump back and forth between different time periods and settings, they also serve to weave together a picture of a man who has literally done it all, seen it all, and lived to tell about it. A lot of sci-fi scholars consider Time Enough for Love to be Heinlein's crowning achievement; a perfect distillation of his personal philosophy and a nuanced exploration of themes and topics that he'd been playing around with for years. More than that, though, it's a brilliant yarn that makes for a great read - which is also one of Heinlein's hallmarks.

Lessons From Lucy: The Simple Joys of an Old, Happy Dog by Dave Barry



Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and bestselling author of Dave Barry Turns 40 now shows how to age gracefully, taking cues from his beloved and highly intelligent dog, Lucy. Faced with the obstacles and challenges of life after middle age, Dave Barry turns to his best dog, Lucy, to learn how to live his best life. From "Make New Friends" (an unfortunate fail when he can't overcome his dislike for mankind) to "Don't Stop Having Fun" (validating his longtime membership in a marching unit that performs in parades—and even Obama's inauguration), Dave navigates his later

out of the darkness. Dolores provided him with a simple set of practical tools that anyone can use if only they choose to do so. Here are four "magic" ways to improve your financial situation:

1. Never waste anything.
2. Continually improve your personal honesty.
3. Leave every situation or circumstance better than you found it.
4. Tithe to the church (or organization) of your choice.

We know that these are genuine practical solutions. We have heard people say that they cannot make these efforts - such as tithing, or improving an environment - because "we are poor." Our perspective is that they have their reasoning backwards. They are poor because they do not en-gage themselves in the world in these ways. Logical thinking leads to erroneous conclusions when the premise is false.

3 STEPS TO HOUSEHOLD ENERGY EFFICIENCY

years with good humor and grace. Lucy teaches Dave how to live in the present, how to let go of daily grievances, and how to feel good in your own skin. The lessons are drawn from Dave's routine humiliations and stream-of-consciousness accounts of the absurdities of daily life, which will leave you heaving with laughter and recognition. Laugh-out-loud hilarious, whether he's trying to "Pay Attention to the People You Love" (even when your brain is not listening) or deciding to "Let Go of Your Anger," Dave Barry's Lessons From Lucy is a witty and wise guide to joyous living.

Lost Roses: A Novel by Martha Hall Kelly



The bestseller Lilac Girls introduced the real-life heroine Caroline Ferriday. Now Lost Roses, set a generation earlier and also inspired by true events, features Caro-line's mother, Eliza, and follows three equally indomitable women from St. Pe-tersburg to Paris under the shadow of World War I. It is 1914, and the world has been on the brink of war so often, many New Yorkers treat the subject with only passing interest. Eliza Ferriday is thrilled to be traveling to St. Petersburg with Sofya Streshnayva, a cousin of the Romanovs. The two met years ago one summer in Paris and became close confidantes. Now Eliza embarks on the trip of a lifetime, home with Sofya to see the splendors of Russia: the church with the interior covered in jeweled mosaics, the Rembrandts at the tsar's Winter Palace, the famous ballet. But when Austria declares war on Serbia and Russia's imperial dynasty begins to fall, Eliza escapes back to America, while Sofya and her family flee to their country estate. In need of domestic help, they hire the local fortune-teller's daughter, Varinka, unknowingly bringing intense danger into their household. On the other side of the Atlantic, Eliza is doing her part to help the White Russian family find safety as they escape the revolution. But when Sofya's letters suddenly stop coming, she fears the worst for her best friend. From the turbulent streets of St. Petersburg and aristocratic countryside estates to the avenues of Paris where a society of fallen Russian émigrés live to the mansions of Long Island, the lives of Eliza, Sofya, and Varinka will intersect in profound ways. In her newest powerful tale told through female-driven perspectives, Martha Hall Kelly celebrates the unbreakable bonds of women's friendship, especially during the darkest days of history. The 3 reviews are from Amazon.com

1. You can do without some electrical devices.

This will probably involve changing your behavior, for instance, thinking twice before switching on an electrical tool or appliance when a non-electric alternative will work just as well or better.

2. You can learn to use your existing devices more efficiently.

This step, too, requires changes in habit, but once you've understood the extra expenses caused by inefficiency and waste, you'll feel good about it - plus you'll save money by practicing efficiency.

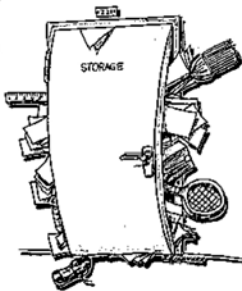
3. You can purchase new appliances that render your household inherently more energy efficient.

This step requires initial outlays of money, and in some cases higher short-term expenses, but with certain especially wasteful appliances, the best way to save energy and money is to immediately replace the old, wasteful model.

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LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Wallie and Cinnamon are a senior bonded pair who came to San Gabriel Humane from an LA City Shelter. They want to be adopted together to live out their retirement years in a comfortable home.

Wallie is a 15-year-old Sharpei mix with a beautiful black coat with a bit of gray. Wallie is a mellow dog who is comfortable with people and enjoys getting attention. He's an affectionate boy with a sweet disposition.

Cinnamon is a 10-year-old terrier mix who is less than half Wallie's size, but is clearly the dominant dog in their relationship. Cinnamon also has a calm, easy-going personality and enjoys being with people. Both Wallie and Cinnamon enjoy going for walks together and are easy to manage on the leash. Both dogs qualify for the "Senior for Senior Adoption Discount Program" and the "Buddy System Adoption Program". Their adoption fees includes neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian.



Pet of the Week

If you're looking for a cuddly, snuggly real-life teddy bear, look no further! Capone (A467105) loves people! He was taken to the social yard recently so that staff and volunteers could get some video footage of him, and he had a blast! He hopped around from person to person, and the camera, asking for pets. He also doesn't mind one-on-one time with a human friend, especially when they have yummy dog treats. He just enjoys a ton of head and neck scratches and full-body pets. Capone is looking to be your right-hand dog; he loves to go hiking, go for car ride adventures, and do anything that you do! Visit Capone at the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$140. All dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before going to their new home.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

View photos of adoptable pets at pasadenahumane.org. Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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2020 CENSUS OFFERS TEMPORARY JOBS IDEALLY SUITED FOR RETIREES

Dear Savvy Senior:

The U.S. Census Bureau is in the process of recruiting thousands of workers for temporary jobs to help collect valuable data for the 2020 Census, and retirees are ideal candidates. Can you write a column to get the word out? Thanks for your help! Census Recruiter

Dear Recruiter:

I'm happy to oblige, and I agree. This once-a-decade job opportunity is a great fit for retirees that have some free time on their hands who wouldn't mind earning some extra income while helping the community.

Attention Retirees!

The United States Census Bureau is currently in the process of recruiting over 500,000 temporary workers to help carry out the upcoming 2020 Census national head count of every person living in the U.S.

The U.S. Census helps determine each state's representation in Congress, how funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads, and provides information to guide many decisions made by government agencies, private businesses and institutions.

Jobs within the census vary from working in the field canvassing, updating maps, doing follow up interviews with citizens in your community, or working in the office as a clerk doing administrative tasks or office operation supervisor, who oversees the field staff.

Some jobs will begin this summer, but the majority of positions will begin in late April 2020 and last a month or two.

These temporary part-time positions are located in every county throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Some positions require evening and/or weekend shifts because you must be available to interview members of the public when they're at home. And all positions require several days of online and classroom training. The pay ranges between \$13.50 and \$30 per hour depending on position and location. To find the pay rates in your area, see 2020census.gov/en/jobs/locations.html.



Job Qualifications: To be able to work for the 2020 census you must be:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a valid Social Security number.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Have a valid email address.
- Complete an application and answer assessment questions.
- Be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption, if you are a male born after Dec. 31, 1959.
- Pass a Census-performed criminal background check and a review of criminal records, including fingerprinting.
- Commit to completing training.
- Be available to work flexible hours, which can include days, evenings, and/or week-ends.

In addition, most census jobs require employees to have access to a vehicle and a valid driver's license, unless public transportation is readily available. And have access to a computer with internet and an email account to complete training.

How to Apply

The first step is to complete the online job application at 2020census.gov/en/jobs. The process takes about 30 minutes and will include some assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience.

If you're a veteran who would like to claim veterans' preference, which provides preference over nonveteran applicants, you'll need supporting documentation.

For more information on the 2020 Census, or if you have questions or problems with the application process call 855-562-2020.

After you apply, an interviewer will reach out to potential hires to conduct a phone interview, but not all applicants will be interviewed. Job offers are made verbally, but candidates will also receive a letter by email.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



5 ESTATE PLANNING MUST-DOS IF YOU'RE GETTING DIVORCED—PART 1

Divorce can be traumatic for the whole family. Even if the process is amicable, it involves many tough decisions, legal hassles, and painful emotions that can drag out over several months, or even years.

That said, while you probably don't want to add any more items to your to-do list during this trying time, it's absolutely critical that you review and update your estate plan—not only after the divorce is final, but as soon as possible once you know the split is inevitable.

Even after you file for divorce, your marriage is legally in full effect until your divorce is finalized. That means if you die while the divorce is still ongoing and you haven't updated your estate plan, your soon-to-be-ex spouse could end up inheriting everything. Maybe even worse, in the event you're incapacitated before the divorce is final, your ex would be in complete control of your legal, financial, and healthcare decisions.

Given the fact you're ending the relationship, you probably wouldn't want him or her having that much control over your life and assets. If that's the case, you must act, and chances are, your divorce attorney is not thinking about these matters.

While California law limits your ability to completely change your estate plan once your divorce has been filed, the following are a few of the most important updates you should consider making as soon as possible when divorce is on the horizon.

1. Update your power of attorney documents for healthcare, financial, and legal decisions. If you are incapacitated by illness or injury during the divorce, who would you want making life-and-death healthcare decisions on your behalf? In the midst of divorce, chances are you'll want someone other than your soon-to-be ex making these important decisions for you. If that's the case, you must act immediately; don't wait.

Similarly, who would you want managing your finances and making legal decisions for you? Considering the impending split, you'll most likely want to select another individual, particularly if things are anything less than friendly between the two of you. Again, you must take action if you do not want your spouse making these decisions for you. Don't wait.

2. Update your beneficiary designations. Failing to update beneficiary designations for assets that do not pass through a will or trust, such as life insurance policies and retirement accounts, is one of the most frequent—and tragic—planning mistakes made by those who get divorced. If you get remarried following your divorce, for example, but haven't changed your IRA beneficiary designation to name your new spouse, the ex you divorced 10 years ago could end up with your retirement savings upon your death.

That said, once either spouse files divorce papers with the court, neither party can legally amend their beneficiaries without the other's permission until the divorce is final. Given this, if you're anticipating a divorce, you may want to consider changing your beneficiaries prior to filing divorce papers. If your divorce is already filed, once the divorce is finalized making these changes should be your number-one planning priority. In fact, put it on your to-do list right now!

Next week, we'll continue with part two in this series on the critical estate-planning updates you should make when divorce is inevitable.

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Hawaiian & Polynesian Dance Class: Every Tuesday Morning from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Join the class with Instructor Barbara Dempsey as she leads you in the art of Hula!

Bingo Time: Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to play! Activity may be canceled if there are less than five people.

Free Blood Pressure Testing: 2nd Tuesdays Monthly from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Brain Games: Every third Thursday of the month at 12:30-1:30pm Join us for Scattergories, a creative thinking game by naming objects within a set of categories, or Jenga, a block-building challenge that keeps you stacking and balancing your tower. Everyone is welcome, and no experience is needed. A great way to strengthen your mind and make new friends... Games are facilitated by Senior Volunteers.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, March 13th from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. Specializing in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates and Injury. Please call the Hart Park

Senior Club: Meets Saturdays, Weekly at Hart Park House Brown Bag Lunch, great company and bingo at 11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga: Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. with Paul Hagen. Classes include Yoga and balance exercises. All ability levels are encouraged and welcomed!

Birthday Celebration: Every 2nd Thursday Monthly at the Hart Park House. Share free birthday cake and ice cream kindly provided by the Senior Community Commission!

Game Day: Every Thursday Monthly 12:00 Noon come into the Hart Park House and join a lively poker game with friends!

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THE MISSING PAGE

Real Life Tips from Life's Instruction Manual



STEP INTO YOUR DREAM LIFE

As we keep walking in the direction of our dreams, a path appears. It can seem challenging

to lead a vision driven life. Sometimes just saying what we want is frightening because we don't know how to get started. Last year I created a health goal. I didn't know where to start but wrote it down. Soon casual conversations lead to new resources, ideas, and practitioners. I had to take the first step. I had to be willing to experiment; I had to move.

We are required to go toward the unknown; we must take steps even when we are unsure. This venture into the unfamiliar has been written about for millenia. While the fear is familiar and well known the prescription for managing it remains the same: Do what you can where you are with what you have.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase; just take the first step." Martin Luther King, Jr.

When you want to go upstairs, you don't just make one giant leap; you take one step at a time. A staircase can symbolize the dream for your life or something you would want to create, and you have to choose one action step at a time to get there.

Start with a short term goal.

To get to your dream, you need to create small, short-term goals that will expand your life one step at a time. Speak to yourself kindly with confidence. Let your self-fulfilling prophecy be positive self-talk. Start by telling yourself, "I really can do this."

Check in with the vision, "Where would I love to be at the end of this week?" Set just one, achievable goal, and celebrate your progress along the way: dream build, one step at a time. I started with a baby step, and seven months later my health has improved significantly.

What next step can you take today?

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

LAZY DOES HAVE ITS ADVANTAGES

As a young boy, my father tried drilling into my brain that laziness was not acceptable in his house. If I wanted to be lazy, I had to go outside. He provided a

wonderful role model for me because if my father was anything, he was not lazy. He tried to encourage me not to be lazy.

Laziness, according to him, was an attack on common decency and energy. After all these years, I have tried to live up to his standard. And yet, I must confess that I have found that laziness may have an advantage or two. I'm leaning towards the two.

It was my fortune to marry a young lady who did not have an inkling of laziness in any of her bones. I thought when I first married her; she was trying to impress me with how active she was and how much she could get done. I have discovered, however, that that certainly was not the case. La-ziness and she have never met as far as I understand it.

I have tried not to be lazy and to a certain extent, I have succeeded. However, as I get older I begin to appreciate the opportunity of laziness. It does not have the bad connotation I was taught down through the years.

Everything has its good side and its bad side. The great joy of life is trying to find the good side in everything. This includes laziness. Anybody can point out the bad side to laziness, but it takes a genius to discover the good side of laziness. I am not pretending to be that genius, but I can say that I have discovered a good side to laziness.

The good side of laziness occurred to me recently. My wife loves to put together "Honey-Do-Lists" for her husband. That would be me, of course.

Let me say that just because it's called a "Honey-Do-Lists" does not mean that there is any sweetness to it. In fact, from my own personal experience I have yet to find any sweetness in that activi-ty. I call it an activity because I am supposed to actively do everything on that list.

It was a Monday morning and as usual, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage handed to me her weekly "Honey-Do-List." As usual, the list was quite long and in great detail.

"Make sure," she said rather seriously, "that you do everything on that list as soon as possible."

One of the things I have often wanted to ask my wife is what is her meaning of "as soon as possible"? It seems that I have not the faintest idea of what it really means. As a well-seasoned husband, I smile most graciously as she hands me that list and say, "Yes, dear." Her list comes as

close to a novel as anything she does.

It takes several days for me to read that list and try to understand what I am supposed to do with it. But, with my experience, I do the best I can and there have been several times, not many, that I have finished her list to the last point.

It was about Thursday when I was going over the list and saw several things that had not been checked off. I sighed very deeply, and with determination planned to get back in the saddle again. I find it very hard to juggle what I want to do with her "Honey-Do-List." It is always a struggle be-cause I know I have to do her list, but in my mind, I really want to do my list.

I was drinking some coffee and looking over this list to see what my next assignment was. At that time, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came into the room and said, "Did you do the 12th item on my list?"

At the time, I was a little startled because I did not know what she was getting at. I did not know if this was a quiz or if I was being evaluated by my work. I was a little concerned because there were some little nuggets of lazy that had peppered my week up to this point.

Looking at her I said, "No, I haven't got to number 12 yet. I'm still working on number 10."

She sighed such a deep sigh of relief that it frightened me a little. I was afraid if I said I had not accomplished number 12 I would be in serious trouble. After all, it was on the list and I was supposed to do everything on the list.

"I'm so glad you didn't do that. It was my mistake and I would've been in serious trouble had you done it."

As it turned out it was her doctor's appointment, which was scheduled for next month. She got the date wrong. I do not think I could have fooled her doctor into thinking I was her.

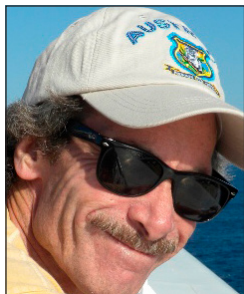
If it was not for my laziness at the time, I am not sure who would have been in more trouble, her or me.

I was reminded of a verse my father liked to quote. "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich" (Proverbs 10:4).

I wish my father was here because then I would tell him that sometimes the situation needs "a slack hand."

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HAIL HAMILTON



WHAT IS AG BARR SO AFRAID TO SHARE WITH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC?

The federal grand jury that a month ago submitted the findings of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's 22 month investigation of the Donald Trump's campaign alleged "conspiracy" or "collusion with Russian intelligence operatives to interfere and sway the 2016 Presidential Election in favor of Republican Trump's electoral college victory over Democratic Candidate Hillary Clinton, while his losing the popular vote by nearly 3 million to Clinton's 65.8 million votes.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller's grand jury had 23 members of which a minimum of 16 had to be present to have a quorum. Whether all 23 grand jurors or only 16 were present, only 12 votes are needed to bring a true bill of indictment." However, the Special Counsel statute Mueller was working under, prevented him from indicting a sitting president.

The 448-page report submitted to U.S. Attorney William Barr on March 22 and has been in his custody until last Thursday, April 18, while he made what he said were necessary "redactions to protect "national security," and "sources and methods" used to acquire the evidence to support its findings. More curious are the AG's reasons why the un-redacted report has been withheld by AG Barr and the suspicious timing of the release of the redacted report just days before congress's 10-day Easter Recess.

Since members of the House Intelligence, Judiciary and Ways and Means Committees have sufficiently high security clearances to read the un-redacted report, and even if there any real security concerns remained, these could have been resolved by referring the original un-redacted report an independent review by a Washington, D.C. federal district trial judge, or by referring it to the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FICA) which is its job to do.

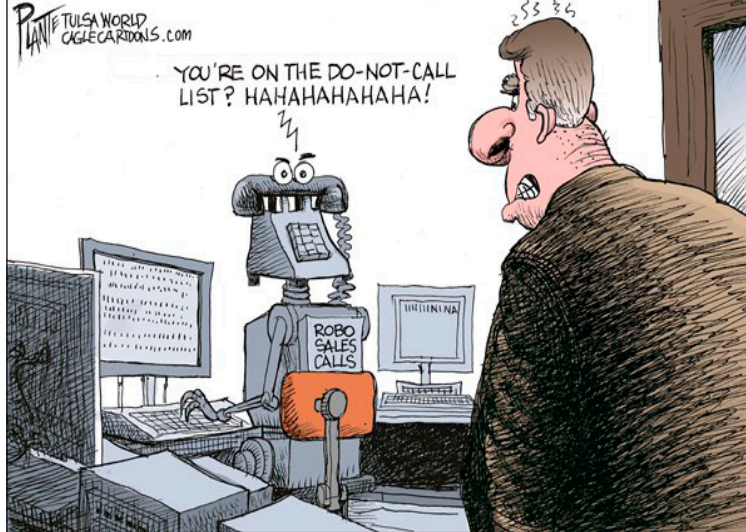
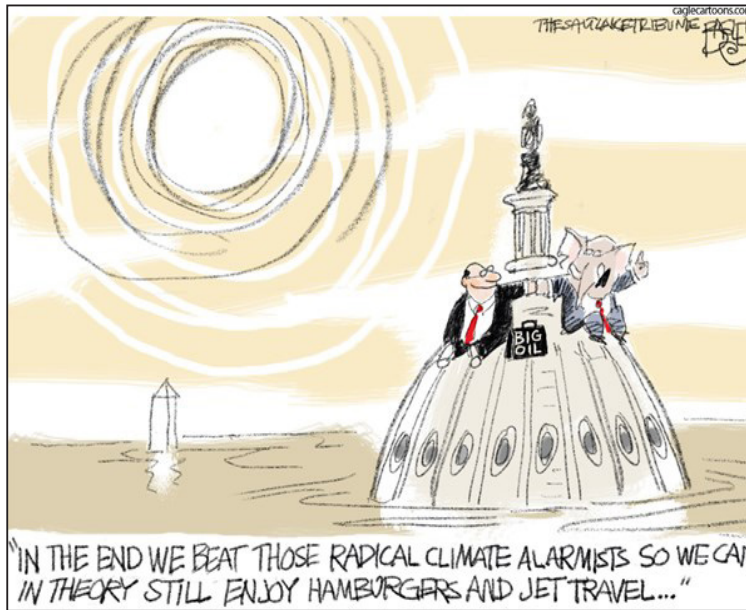
It is up to congress, the House and the Senate, to set the standards for Impeachment by the House, and Trial, Conviction, and Removal from Office by the Senate. That standard should at least "Clear and Convincing," and the Articles of Impeachment should be related in some fundamental way to the president's abuse of power while campaigning or serving as the nation's Chief Executive.

The 1998 Office of the White House Counsel Memorandum, enumerates certain criteria for any Articles of Impeachment makes clear: "Impeachment is a constitutional remedy addressed to serious offenses against the system of government. It is not controlling whether serious crimes have been committed. What is controlling are constitutional wrongs that subvert the structure of government, or undermine the integrity of office of President and even the Constitution itself, and in the sense that the words "High Crimes and Misdemeanors" have been used for centuries in English common-law impeachments [where the phrase originated]. . . ."

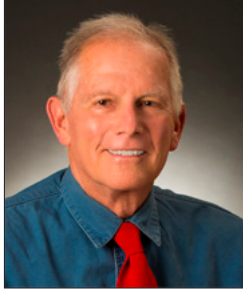
One commentator observes, "The Mueller Report, together with what is already known from public sources, supports at least nine articles of impeachment.

- obstruction of justice.
- contempt of congress.
- offenses against the government.
- political crimes against the state.
- serious assaults on the integrity of the process of government.
- such offenses as would stain a president as to make his continuance in office dangerous to public order
- wrongdoing convincing established [and] so egregious that [the President's] continuation is intolerable.
- malfeasance or abuse of office, bearing a 'functional relationship to public office,
- great offense[s] against the federal government, and acts which, like treason and bribery, undermine the integrity of government."

So, regardless of Trump, Barr, and his hardline supporters are saying, the Mueller Report shows impeachment IS appropriately political in nature, and that the Mueller Report has conclusively shown more than enough impeachable offenses to remove Trump from office.



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EARTH DAY 2019: SINCE MOON LANDING, GLOBAL POPULATION HAS DOUBLED

Fifty years ago, in 1969 when astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon, the world's population was 3.6 billion; in 2019, it's 7.7 billion. A half a century ago, the U.S. population stood at 208 million; today, it's 329 million and growing at the unsustainable rate of one net person every 17 seconds, a total calculated by the sum of births minus deaths, plus net migration.

April 22, 2019, marks the 49th anniversary and 50th observance of Earth Day intended to raise awareness and appreciation for the earth's natural environment. A massive oil spill off the Santa Barbara, California, coast that generated a slick large enough to encompass Chicago provided the catalyst for the first-ever Earth Day, celebrated in 1970, and currently recognized in 193 countries.

At the time, there was an understanding of the impacts of polluting and overpopulating our planet. While the former continues to be the driving element for environmentalists and climate change activists, such is not the case for overpopulation. But the challenges to achieve U.S. population stabilization remain, and they are daunting, even if unmentionable and not addressed.

To the exclusion of a sustainable country, the U.S. government is committed to endless growth, a policy that congressional leaders have embraced for decades, and is perhaps the most significant roadblock to population stabilization. Nobel laureate Steven Chu of the University of Chicago's Energy Policy Institute said at a recent forum that "the world needs a new model of how to generate a rising standard of living that's not dependent on a pyramid scheme," a reference to increasing immigration.

The former Secretary of Energy under President Obama also referred to the idea of replacing aging persons with younger immigrants as an ecological Ponzi scheme that leaves future generations to deal with the life-altering consequences. Young immigrants will eventually grow old, and true to a Ponzi scheme's formula, another immigrant wave will be needed to replace the aging migrants, etc. ad infinitum.

An inconvenient truth in the effort to achieve sustainability is that immigration policy is the leading single factor in the destruction of open space. Each year, the U.S. admits more than 1 million legal immigrants who, over time, petition an average 3.5 of their family members to join them. The blame lies not with the immigrants, but with Congress for refusing to defend the natural environment of America. Logically, immigrants, just like most Americans, want and need more urban development for housing, schools, health care, governmental services, streets, parking, waste handling, workplaces, shopping, arts, recreation and worship.

In a 2001 interview with the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Earth Day founder Sen. Gaylord Nelson said that the larger the population, the more serious problems become. From crime and health care shortages to infrastructure issues, no problem is helped by adding ever-more people. To no avail, Sen. Nelson during his lifetime urged Congress to responsibly address the population issue.

Americans will have to wage the fight for environmental stability on their own. Congress is determined to raise immigration levels, and the President seems to be plotting to join them in the name of economic growth. Environmental groups long ago abandoned reducing immigration as the first step toward ecological constancy. Journalists also refuse to connect the dots between immigration-driven overpopulation and the loss of key, irreplaceable natural resources in a discouraging failure from the Fourth Estate.

The nation's battle should begin with cutting carbon emissions which have reached record highs. The International Energy Agency reported that U.S. oil demand grew at its fastest pace in a decade while China and India burned more coal. The "spectacular growth" of the U.S. economy is, according to the IEA, the main culprit in the carbon emissions spike.

Since population stabilization is crucial to America's future, and will determine how residents live, a thoughtful conversation that includes immigration as a crucial variable must take place soon. Refusing to engage intelligently means the status quo will continue, as will the loss of America's precious land and resources. Joe Guzzardi is a Progressives for Immigration Reform analyst who has written about immigration for more than 30 years. Contact him at jguzzardi@pfirdc.org.

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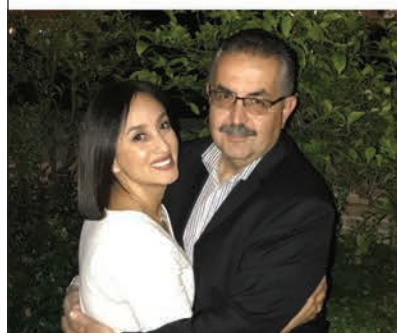


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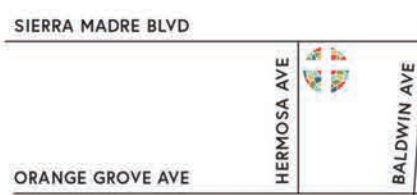
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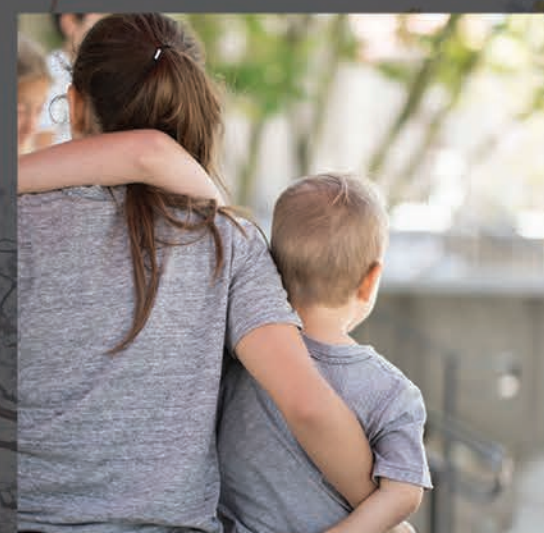
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